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Brigadier General Carl A. Strock
Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Dear Brigadier General Strock:

This letter is to express my opinion regarding the draft plan for protecting Snake and Columbia River salmon.

I am very concerned about the future of salmon and steelhead in the Snake and Columbia Rivers. In all the years I lived in Oregon, salmon and steelhead fishing were mainstays of the northwest economy and way of life. Unfortunately, human activities have devastated salmon runs on large sections of these rivers. I urge the removal of the four dams that were constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers on the lower portion of the Snake River between 1962 and 1975. The dams have nearly wiped out the salmon runs. Nearly every salmon species in the Snake River is listed on the Endangered Species Act. If the dams are not removed soon, salmon in the Snake River are likely to become extinct.

I believe that for the health of the economy of the northwest, these dams are marginal. It would be more prudent to invest in the recovery of the salmon and steelhead by removing the dams.

Please help future generations experience the joy of salmon and steelhead in the rivers of the Pacific Northwest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ILLA COLLIN, Supervisor
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